

# Spotted Lanternfly Service

Since 2014, starting in Berks County, PA the east coast of the United States has had to deal with one of its biggest agricultural threats: Spotted Lanternflies. This invasive species feeds off important crops such as hops and grapes and can threaten their existence of them as we know it. Additionally, Lanternflies secrete honeydew which develops into a mold that can turn even the nicest landscapes into an eyesore.

With this species evolving and spreading rapidly, many people are wondering how they can control their lanternfly issue and do their part to stop the invasive species.



It is important to understand that **SLF cannot be prevented from coming onto any one property or eliminated but the populations can be minimized.** SLF is a complex pest problem, and unfortunately, there is no “one size fits all” solution. Each situation is different and deciding on a plan of action requires everyone to assess their situation and decide what makes sense for them. Properties can experience sudden increases in populations of nymphs, but this occurs more commonly with adults. SLF adults tend to fly to new trees to feed in the late summer. Additionally, the presence of low numbers of SLF may not necessitate treatment.

We can treat with insecticides to kill on **contact** and/or by being present **systemically** in a plant that the insect pests eat. The duration of control that remains after application (i.e., residual activity) varies depending on which type of insecticide is used. Don't wait until it's too late, contact us today to learn how we can help solve your Spotted Lanternfly issue and beat this bug

